

For the FCC to stand idly by and allow Sinclair to pass off this anti-Kerry movie as news is shocking! The FCC leaped into action when Janet Jackson's breast was exposed, but when a corporation commits an obscenity like this the FCC stands mute. Has the FCC joined the ranks of supposed non-partisan organizations now under the thumb of the Bush Administration. Action is needed immediately.

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.